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For : MACHINE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A FIBROUS
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents
PO Box 1450,
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during the examination of the instant application:

Applicant submits herewith a copy of the European Search Report (in German) dated August 7, 2003 conducted in European Patent Application No. 01 10 7708, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular the European Examiner cited:

(1) US 6,083,349 is cited as an "X" category document (i.e., a document indicating lack of novelty). In particular, the European Examiner indicated that col. 2, lines 19-31, col. 2, lines 56-67, col. 4, lines 32-40 and col. 8, line 42 to col. 9, line 16, and figure 4 are

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relevant to claims 1-4, 8, 11, 13, 16-21, 25, 28, 30, 33 and 34 of the European Application. This document was previously cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated September 17, 2002;

(2) EP 0 926 296 is cited as a "Y,D" category document (i.e., a document indicating lack of inventive step and discussed in the European application). The European Examiner indicated that the whole document was relevant to claims 1-34 of the European Application. This document was previously cited by Applicant in an IDS filed September 14, 2001;

(3) WO 99/10597 is cited as a "Y" category document. In particular, the European Examiner indicated that page 16, paragraph 2 and page 19, paragraph 5 to page 20, paragraph 1, and figures 4 and 7-9 are relevant to claims 1-34 of the European Application;

(4) US 5,591,305 is cited as a "Y" category document. In particular, the European Examiner indicated that col. 6, lines 34-62 and figure 1 are relevant to claims 5, 6, 22 and 23 of the European Application;

(5) WO 99/47749 is cited as a "Y" category document. In particular, the European Examiner indicated that page 9, lines 1-7 and figure 1 are relevant to claims 15 and 32 of the European Application;

(6) WO 97/16593 is cited as an "A" category document (i.e., a document indicating the general state of the art). In particular, the European Examiner indicated that page 8, paragraph 5 to page 9, paragraph 1 and figure 3 are relevant to claims 1 and 18 of the

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European Application;

(7) US 3,821,068 is cited as an "A" category document. In particular, the European Examiner indicated that col. 3, line 37 to col. 4, line 46 and the figures are relevant to claims 1 and 18 of the European Application;

(8) US 6,235,160 is cited as a family member document of EP 0 926 296. This document was previously cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated September 17, 2002;

(9) US 6,136,146 is cited as a family member document of WO 99/10597;

(10) US 5,569,358 is cited as a family member document of US 5,591,305; and

(11) US 6,540,880 is cited as a family member document of WO 99/47749.

Copies of documents (3), (5) and (6) (as well as a copy of the European Search Report) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing all of these documents. However, copies of documents (1), (2) and (8) are not being provided because these documents were previously cited by Applicant and the Examiner as indicated above. Additionally, copies of documents (4), (7) and (9)-(11) are not being provided because they are U.S. Patents and thus need not be provided (see revised 37 C.F.R. 1.98). Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider documents (1) - (11) and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form with the next official communication.

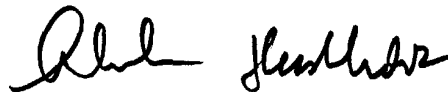
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Applicant acknowledges that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (SIDS) is being filed after payment of the issue fee. However, Applicant is concurrently filing this SIDS as a submission to the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with the fee for filing an RCE and a petition to request withdrawal of the application from issue. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the above-noted documents.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees concerning the application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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